

SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA STATEMENT

Item 3
Meeting Date 10/07/15

ITEM TITLE: Resolution of the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista recommending that the Chula Vista City Council approve the formation, boundary, hours of operation and permit fee for the Southwestern College Estates Residential Permit Parking District

SUBMITTED BY: Principal Civil Engineer *FR*

The community surrounding Southwestern College has requested that something be done regarding students parking in their neighborhood. Since late 2008, the City has met several times with the community to determine the best course of action. At the most recent meeting on August 20, 2015, it was determined by the neighborhood to form a Residential Permit Parking District (District).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Safety Commission adopt a resolution recommending the establishment of the Southwestern College Estates District, the boundary, hours of operation and permit fee.

DISCUSSION:

The City has met several times with residents from the neighborhoods surrounding Southwestern College to discuss parking issues. A chronology of those meetings and actions follows:

- In September 2008, there was a meeting between with the City, Police and residents from neighborhoods surrounding Southwestern College to discuss issues with parking. No solution to the parking issues resulted from the meeting. The CVPD was to continue to respond to resident concerns.
- On February 12, 2009, several residents attended the Safety Commission and mentioned the traffic impacts and parking issues. The Safety Commission referred the matter to city staff to return with report.
- On March 4 and 13, 2009, city staff met with the CVPD to discuss infractions attributed to on-street parking.
- On March 25 and April 24, 2009, a public meeting with the residents was held at Southwestern College. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the parking issues further and to discuss options.
- On June 11, 2009, staff prepared a report for the Safety Commission (Attached with meeting minutes). The recommendation was to utilize the Education and Enforcement parameters to solve the parking issues in the Southwestern College Neighborhoods (Southwestern College Estates, Charter Point and Woodcrest Southwest). Councilmember Ramirez also attended the meeting.
- On July 11, 2009, city staff and CVPD met with John Wilson, Senior Director Southwestern College, to discuss parking issues. A student parking survey was conducted.

- August 5, 2009, city staff updated the Safety Commission regarding Phase I of the Otay Lakes Road widening project.
- July through October 2009, CVPD conducted parking enforcement on public streets near the college. The results were mixed and the residents informed the CVPD to cease the parking enforcement.
- October 2009, Mr. Wilson updated city staff on the student parking survey. Only 50 surveys were turned in with no conclusive results on the off-campus parking issues. In addition, between the July and October 2009 meetings, the City was informed by one of the Southwestern College Estates residents that the neighbors had decided not to pursue the parking restriction/prohibition issue anymore. Having the vehicles park properly and continued law enforcement had improved the situation.
- 2012. First complaints since 2009 were received from 2 residents requesting residential parking permits.
- On December 3, 2014, staff prepared a report for the Safety Commission for the installation of parking tees in the neighborhood. The community was against the parking tees and requested the formation of the District.
- In the months of May and June, 2015, a petition was sent within the neighborhood to garnish interest for the District. The results concluded that 80% of the residents surveyed were interested in forming a District (See Attachment #1).
- On August 20, 2015, a meeting between the City, CVPD, Southwestern College PD and the Southwestern College Estates neighborhood regarding the formation of the District. The meeting was a result of the petition. After discussion, the result of the meeting was for the City to continue with the formation of the District. The City Engineer stated that the next step was for staff to prepare a report to the Safety Commission and then to the City Council for the approval of the District.

The formation of the Southwestern College Estates District is based on the criteria outlined in the ordinance. The following items will be addressed with the approval of the resolution:

- The boundaries of the District
- The issuance of the parking permits
- The posting of the District
- The days of the week and hours of operation
- Display of permits
- Parking permit exemptions
- Permit Fees

At the August 20, 2015 public meeting, staff presented a proposed boundary map to the neighborhood. After discussion and input from the neighborhood on the proposed boundary, staff readjusted the map which includes the areas with the highest interest for the formation of the District. The residences on the 800 block of Otay Lakes Road were not included in the petition, but can participate in the District since there is no parking allowed on Otay Lakes Road and they are within the Southwestern College Estates neighborhood.

The issuance of permits will be for residents and guests only. It is proposed that each resident who has a motor vehicle registered in his/her name, or who has a motor vehicle for his/her exclusive use and

under his/her control will be allowed to purchase up to 3 permits. One guest permit will also be allowed per resident. The parking permit will be issued for a one (1) year period and will be required to be renewed on an annual basis. Staff will work on allowing the parking permits to be renewed through the City's website in the future.

The approved District will require the posting signs to designate the limits of the District boundary and the parking restrictions. Based on the input from the residents, the parking restrictions will be from 7am to 4 pm, unless an approved parking permit sticker or plaque is displayed. Most classes at the college are between 8am and 1pm. It was stated during the meeting that students do not use the neighborhood for parking during the evening classes.

The Safety Commission is also asked to make a recommendation on the boundary of the District. Staff has attached a plat (Attachment # 2) which shows the limits of the District. The Commission will be asked to state for the record each street individually that will be part of the District by stating the street name and the addresses to which the District will apply. Based on the plat, the staff proposed limits are:

- Auburn Avenue 800 block
- Columbia Street 1600 block
- Elmhurst Street 1600 block
- Fordham Ave 800 block
- Gotham Street 1600 block
- Ithaca Court 900 block
- Ithaca Street 1600 to 1806 block
- Otay Lakes Road 800 block
- Scripps Avenue 900 block
- Tulane Avenue, Gotham Street to Harvard Street
- Vassar Avenue, Elmhurst Street to Gotham Street
- Wayne Avenue 900 block
- Xavier Avenue 800 block
- Yale Street 1600 & 1700 block

There will be parking exemptions for several types of vehicles. Disabled persons displaying the proper license plate or placard will be exempt from the time parking restrictions. Any government or utility vehicle, emergency vehicle and commercial vehicles actively delivering materials or providing service to the residence shall be exempt. Driver-attended vehicle used for the purposed of picking up or dropping off students shall be exempt. A special event for the elementary school or a resident shall be exempt with written prior notice and approval.

Based on cost estimates for the signs, sign installation and administration of the District, the cost per annual permit shall be \$20. With the establishment of the District boundary, the fee can be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted accordingly. In addition, after the first year of instituting the district the neighborhood may request a readjustment of the boundary.

CONCLUSION:

That the Safety Commission concurs with staff's recommendation to approve the Resolution recommending that the Chula Vista City Council approving the formation, boundary, hours of operation and permit fee for the Southwestern College Estates District.

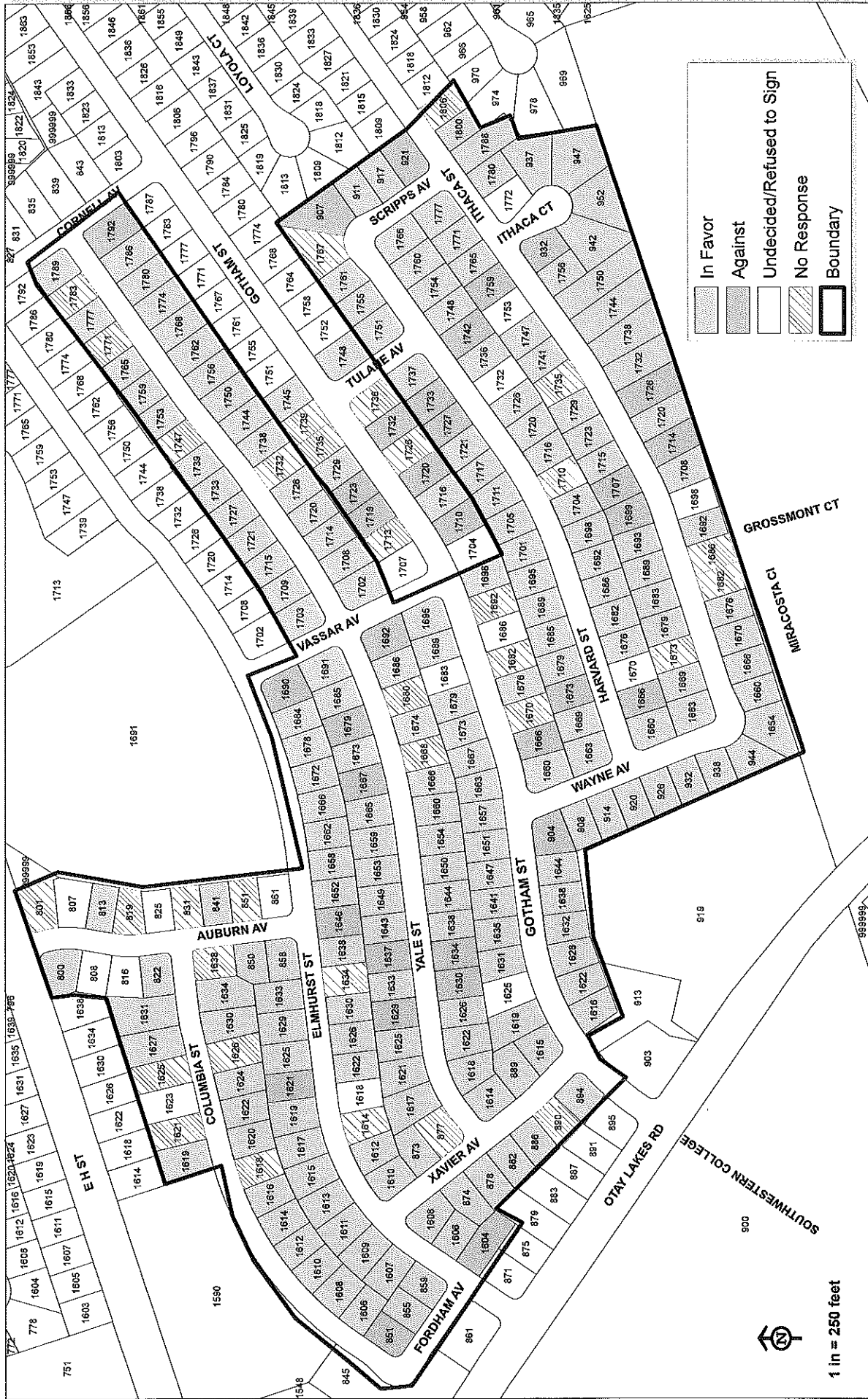
FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for the signs, installation of signs and administration of the District shall be funded by the collection of the permit fees.

Attachments:

1. Petition of Interest for District
2. Proposed District Boundary Map

Attachment 1 – Petition of Interest for District



Attachment 2 – Proposed District Boundary Map

